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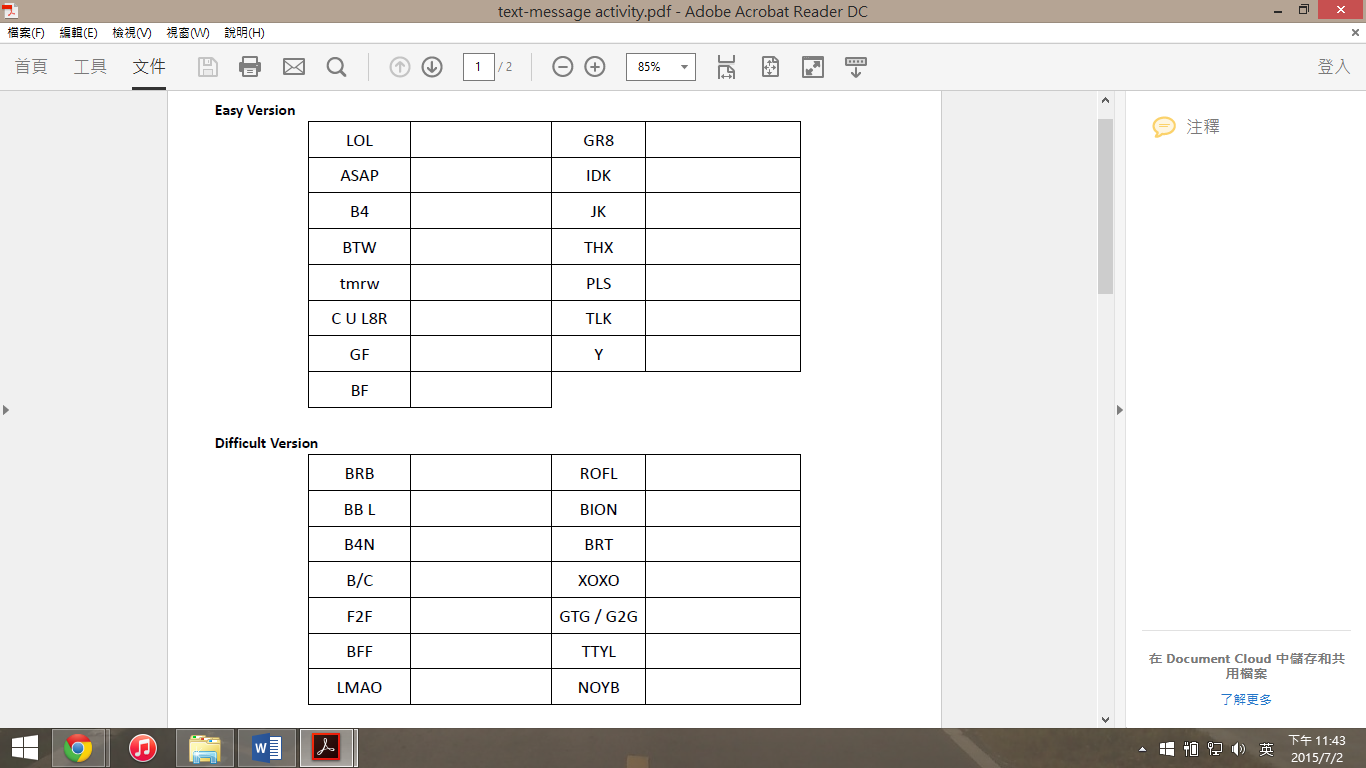
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**Is Texting Ruining the English Language?**

1. **Summary**

For a warm up, I tested my classmates with translating text language as the two charts below.



After that, I elaborated the meaning of “text,” a short message that sends between electronic devices. And went on with its features, less punctuation, loose structure, and less capitalization. To understand the weird and unusual situation of texting, I compared the differences between spoken language and written language, and came to an idea that texting is a mix of written language and spoken language. With the background information of texting, I presented the newly developed structure in texting which is introduced by John McWhorter (2013) to show the value of texting. For example, the usage of “LOL” and “slash” has gone deeper, subtler, and even totally different from it supposed to be. In addition to this research, there is also other supporting that texting is not just bad writing skills. For one thing, to produce such kind of text messages requires a level of “phonological awareness.” For another thing, texting can be useful when taking notes or collecting thoughts for one’s writing, which may increase one’s writing. In conclusion, “texting killing English language” is an uncertified worry. Moreover, there is a whole new structure developing in text language in the near future. In the end, I shared my personal experience that there is also a similar trend happening in Chinese.

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